

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 8 as follows:

Fig. 4 shows an enlarged pictorial of the composite wood. The top and bottom layers 72, 74 represent the veneer and the middle layer represents the grind 76 which has been cured by applying pressure, steam and glue to it. **A plurality of pin holes is shown in veneer layers 72 and 74.**